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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

James B. Ponzo, et al.

Application No.: 09/371,973

Filed: August 10, 1999

For: AXIAL FLOW CATALYST PACK

Examiner: Doroshenk, A.

Art Unit: 1764

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants petition to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for three months, from December 27, 2001 to March 27, 2002. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Cancel~~ claim 16. Amend claims 15 and 20.

15. (Amended) A catalyst bed comprising: a generally cylindrical array of catalyst material the axis of which is substantially parallel to the direction of flow of a fluid through said bed, the catalyst material being configured as the surface material of a plurality of stacked, contiguous, thin metal plates having axial flow-through holes of